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Attention: Abhijit J. Bagde, Senior Transportation Engineer, Caltrans Division of
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Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: 2006 Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)
Regional Transportation Improvement Program; Amendment #6

We have completed our review of the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) 2006 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Amendment #6, as requested by your letter of May 30, 2007. The RTIP amendment was adopted and found to conform by SCAG on May 30, 2007.

Pursuant to the July 15, 2004, *Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, we accept the modifications to the 2007 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) for the SCAG region in accordance with the Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning that was published in the February 14, 2007, Federal Register. We find that the SCAG's 2006 RTIP, through Amendment No. 6, was developed through a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process carried out in accordance with the metropolitan planning provisions of 23 U.S.C. 134, and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 as amended by Section 6001 of Public Law 109-59, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU).

Based on the documentation submitted by SCAG, we find the RTIP as amended conforms to the applicable state implementation plan per the requirements of 40 CFR Part 93. The conformity determination relies on the previous regional emissions analysis for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and FTIP. This conformity finding was made in consultation with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region IX office.



This approval does not constitute a compliance finding with the remainder of the SAFETEA-LU provisions, but constitutes approval and inclusion of the SCAG RTIP Amendment #6 into California's 2007 FSTIP. The addition of the fourth year of programming revises SCAG's 2006/07 – 2008/09 RTIP into the 2006/07 – 2009/10 RTIP.

The California Department of Transportation assures this amendment has met the financial constraint requirements included in our transportation planning regulations, i.e. 23 CFR 450.324(e) and that the funding for this amendment does not adversely impact the FSTIP Financial Plan. The eligibility of individual projects is subject to the applicant's satisfaction of all FTA and FHWA administrative requirements.

If you have any questions regarding this determination, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Michelle Noch of the Federal Highway Administration at (916) 498-5034 or Mr. Ted Matley of the Federal Transit Administration at (415) 744-2590.

Sincerely,

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